

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT  
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE §1.53(b)  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): CONTROL APPARATUS OF CONTACT MECHANISM

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- ☒ 66 pages of Specification/Claims 1-15/Abstract are attached.
- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-15; 15 sheets) are attached.
- ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to HONDA MOTOR CO., LTD. is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and 1 reference.
- ☒ Priority of foreign application No. 2002-378413 filed December 26, 2002 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

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FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE				\$ 385	OR		\$ 770
TOTAL CLAIMS	39 - 20	= 19	x 9 =	\$	OR	x 18	\$ 342
INDEP CLAIMS	1 - 3	= 0	x 43 =	\$	OR	x 86	\$
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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,442.00 (\$1402 for the filing fee and \$40 for the Assignment Recordation Fee) is attached. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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